to give full statutory powers to the Securities and Exchange Board of India to effectively regulate, promote and monitor the working of the Stock Exchanges;

(b) if so , the details thereof ; and

(c) the time by which the legislation is likely to be enacted in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) to (c). A proposal for giving statutory powers to the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is under consideration.

World Bank Assistance for Mega Projects

3798. SHRI GURUDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has decided not to extend any financial assistance to mega projects like big dams and large power plants in India;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the impact of this decision on the future of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

Robbery in Public Sector Banks in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir

3799. SHRI ASHOK ANANDRAO DESHMUKH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of incidents of robberies/ dacoities in public sector banks in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir during the last three months; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the security of the bank employees in these States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) As per available information, there have been 3 incidents of robbery/ dacoity in public sector banks in the state of Punjab during the months of September, October and November,1991. No incident of robbery/dacoity has been reported during this period in Jammu & Kashmir.

(b) Government of India has reviewed the situation and the State Governments have intensified the security arrangements for banks.

[*Translation*]

Joint Venture Units Aboard

3801. SHRI RAM TAHAL CHOUDHARY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) the total number of Indian Joint Venture Units Abroad;

(b) whether some of these units are not operational ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and the places where such units are located ; and

(d) the steps taken or proposed to be taken by the Government to make these joint venture units operational ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) As on 30 th Nov., 1991 there were 232 joint venture units